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Does not open the delays - N'ouvre pas de délai - Kein Fristbeginn - Не се предвижда период на прекъсване - Nezahajuje prodlení - Fristerne indledes ikke - Καμμία έναρξη προθεσμίας - No abre el plazo - Viivituste perioodi ei avata - Määräaika ei ala tästä - Ne otvara razdoblje kašnjenja - Nem nyitja meg a késésekét - Non fa decorrere la mora - Atidėjimai nepradedami - Atlikšanas laikposms nesākas - Ma jiftaħx il-perijodi ta' dewmien - Geen termijnbegin - Nie otwiera opóźnień - Não inicia o prazo - Nu deschide perioadele de stagnare - Nezačína oneskorenia - Ne uvaja zamud - Inleder ingen frist - Ní osclaíonn sé na moilleanna

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4. 2026/0377/LT - B10 - Construction materials

5. On amendment of Order No D1-156 of the Minister for the Environment of the Republic of Lithuania of 31 March 2004

6. Construction products (products covered by Article 11 of Directive (EU) 2020/2184).

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8. The Draft Order amends the existing Order No D1-156 of the Minister for the Environment of the Republic of Lithuania of 31 March 2004 on the Approval of Technical Construction Regulation STR 2.02.04:2004 “Water Abstraction and Water Treatment. Basic Provisions”, detailing the cases where products in contact with drinking water intended for the installation of water abstraction and water treatment facilities are considered to have been assessed as complying with national requirements and to have supporting documents to that effect, thus benefiting from the transitional period provided for in Article 11 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2024/370.

Moreover, it repeals the provision of the existing Order that is no longer relevant, namely the provision stipulating that the water abstraction and water treatment facilities and surfaces that come into direct contact with raw water or water that is already of drinking quality must be certified in Lithuania and hold a hygiene certificate for non-food products. This provision is no longer relevant because such certificates are no longer issued in Lithuania.

9. The Draft Order was prepared to clearly specify the supporting documents attesting to the compliance of products with the current requirements and to avoid future uncertainties regarding the application of the transitional period under Delegated Regulation (EU) 2024/370. Provisions relating to the protection of the health of persons (hygiene requirements).

The Draft Order lays down that the manufacturer may, until 30 December 2026, draw up a voluntary declaration verifying, under their own liability, that the product meets the hygiene requirements currently applicable in Lithuania for such products, provided for in Article 7(1) of the Law on Drinking Water. It also provides for possibility to use the declaration template in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2019/515 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 19 March 2019 on the mutual recognition of goods lawfully marketed in another Member State and repealing Regulation (EC) No 764/2008. In such cases, national requirements continue to apply to the product during the transitional period until 30 December 2032, and the obligations to certify and issue an EU declaration of conformity in accordance with Delegated Regulation (EU) 2024/370 do not apply. It is also provided that, during the transitional period, products imported into Lithuania on the basis of mutual recognition from other countries where they are subject to the transitional period laid down in Article 11 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2024/370 may be supplied without certification under Delegated Regulation (EU) 2024/370.

9a. Suitability of the measures for attaining the objectives pursued

Pursuant to Article 11 of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2024/370, for products which are assessed to be in conformity with national hygiene requirements for products that come into contact with water intended for human consumption and for which the national conformity certificate is still valid on 31 December 2026, this Regulation shall apply from 31 December 2032.

Lithuania does not currently specify which document is to be used to verify that products coming into contact with drinking water comply with the hygiene requirements laid down in Lithuania. Consequently, there is some uncertainty as to what documents will be required after 1 December 2026 to continue supplying and using products that are already on the market and comply with the relevant requirements.

In assessing the need to refine the regulatory framework in Lithuania, the Ministry of the Environment consulted with associations representing the industrial, construction, design, water supply and manufacturing

sectors, as well as manufacturers, other market actors, and certification bodies. Feedback received from the social partners supports the legislative amendments by explicitly referencing documents attesting to the compliance of products in contact with drinking water with the existing requirements. No opposing views or arguments against the amendments have been received.

The amendment is suitable for attaining the objective pursued because the legislation explicitly refers to documents—declarations—attesting the compliance with the currently applicable requirements. Once the amendment to the legislation has been adopted, products which currently comply with hygiene requirements and are legally supplied in Lithuania, and supported by the relevant declarations, will be eligible to further supply under the same requirements until 31 December 2026.

9b. Necessity

The solution chosen is assumed to be the least restrictive of possible solutions. According to the Draft Order, manufacturers have the right (not the obligation) to draw up a voluntary declaration in the specified form, and may also use a declaration in the form set out in Regulation (EU) 2019/515. Manufacturers are entitled not to draw up these documents and apply the requirements of Delegated Regulation (EU) 2024/370.

9c. Burden which is excessive in relation to the objective pursued

The Draft Order does not impose a burden which is excessive in relation to the objective pursued. It allows (but does not require) manufacturers to draw up voluntary declarations. If the amendments were not adopted, uncertainty would remain regarding the possibility of further supplying products that are currently legally supplied in Lithuania and comply with hygiene requirements.

10. References to main texts:

11. No

12.

13. No

14. No

15. No

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TBT aspects: No

SPS aspects: No

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